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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION, POWER OF  
ATTORNEY & DESIGNATION OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR FABRICATING METALLIC BIT-LINE CONTACTS**

the specification of which (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

X  was filed on October 23, 2003 as Application Serial No. 10/692,024  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56(a).

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS  
FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s) |         |                      | Priority Claimed |    |
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| Number                       | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Yes              | No |
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)  
(35 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| Provisional Application Number | Filing Date |
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S)  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

I hereby claim the benefits under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Appl. No.      | Filing Date | Patented, Pending, Abandoned |
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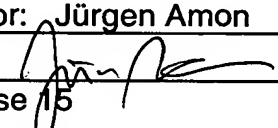
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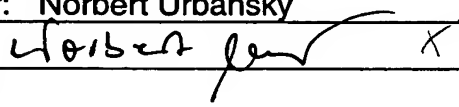
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